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REQUEST FOR REFUND

On September 30, 2003 a Notice of Allowance was mailed in the above-identified matter. Attached to this Notice of Allowance was an Examiner's Amendment. On October 27, 2003 Applicants submitted an Interview Summary. Prior to the Notice of Allowance there was no outstanding action on this matter. On October 31, 2003, a fee in the amount of \$110.00 was charged to Fish & Richardson's Deposit Account No. 06-1050. Applicants believe no extension fee was required because there is no outstanding action to warrant this extension and the Interview Summary was filed within the one month time period.

Accordingly, the charge to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 was improper, as all fees had previously been satisfied. Applicants respectfully request that the overcharge amount be refunded to Fish & Richardson's Deposit Account No. 06-1050 as a credit.

Respectfully submitted,

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